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Applicant: Jeff L. Mercer
Serial No.: 09/990,213
Filed: November 21, 2001
For: Device For Dispensing Viscous Liquids
Group Art Unit: 3754
Examiner: Kenneth Bomberg
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Customer No.: 23456

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Election of Claims

The Examiner has divided the application into two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-9 and 14-15 drawn to a valve, classified in Class 222, subclass 518.

Group II: Claims 10-12 and 13, drawn to a valve and actuator, classified in Class 222, subclass 504.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-9 and 14-15, without traverse. The claims directed to Group II are withdrawn, without prejudice to resubmitting them in a divisional application.



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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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